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TRAPPED IN BRAZIL

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Agawam resident Shauna Hadden and her 6-year-old daughter, Ava Machado, are trapped in Brazil after their passports were taken by Brazilian authorities last month.

Agawam woman, daughter held after passports taken

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

An Agawam woman and her 6-year-old daughter who were reportedly trapped in Brazil after their passports were taken and they were placed on a no-fly list at risk of being arrested if they tried to leave the country, announced at presstime that a Brazilian judge has ordered the return of their passports.

Shauna Hadden, 33, and her daughter, Ava Machado, traveled to Brazil in May to visit with Ava's father who was deported from the United States to Brazil in 2010. When he and Hadden divorced in 2009, he signed over all custody of Ava to Hadden, according to "Trapped in Brazil," a newly created Facebook page documenting their ordeal.

Over the last few years, Hadden said her daughter and her ex

husband – whom she identifies only as "Junior" online – have been able to Skype over the Internet in order to stay in touch. He and his family encouraged Hadden and Ava to visit Brazil and even offered to purchase tickets.

"I finally felt as though she was at the age appropriate to make a visit with me and meet her extended family and understand her heritage," Hadden said

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Lasting legacy

'Great Class of '55' makes special donation to original AHS

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications
Correspondent

Agawam – They were known as "The Great Class of '55." Not only did the class graduate from Agawam High School during the town's centennial year, but they were also the last class to graduate from the town's first high school.

Like many post-World War II classes, they had no pretenses. They were considered a hard-working, forward-looking group of students. The approximately 90 students in the class year developed a special bond because of their twin distinction of being the school's last graduating class and graduating during the centennial.

This uniqueness has been a great source of pride to the Class of '55, which has gathered every five

years for a reunion. In 2005 class members joined in the town's sesquicentennial festivities, celebrating for three days.

They've hung together for a long time – and now the class is once again hanging out at their old school. Members of the Class of 1955 Reunion Committee recently presented a framed photo board of their class to Marc Constanzi, principal of the Roberta G. Doering School.

The school on Main Street – now named for a school committee member who has served on the committee for more than 40 years – was the town's high school from 1922 until the current high school opened in the fall of 1955. The words "Agawam High School" remain carved in stone at top front of the building but are covered by a

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Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

Members of the AHS Class of '55 Reunion Committee (from left) Linda Calabrese, Nino Moretti, Audrey Guertin, and Carolyn Calabrese, look over a framed photo board of their classmates' graduation portraits that now hangs near the entrance to the Roberta G. Doering School – the original AHS.

Council to vote on zoning change

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

Agawam – The city council, at its Monday, July 8 meeting, voted to move an ordinance to amend the town's zoning to include "Residence A-6," a low-density multi-family community zone, to the next agenda for a final vote.

The town's planning board approved the zone change at a meeting May 2.

Developer Mark Benoit, who owns property on South Street that was approved for an over-55 community several years ago, said the new zone would be good for

the town in that it would provide a new tool for bringing about residential developments. He told the council during a public hearing on the matter that he was putting together a plan to develop the South Street land as a non-age restricted community under Residence A-6.

"If approved, I will petition the zone to be changed to A-6," he said. The council's legislative subcommittee met on the matter last month and put forth a recommendation that the full council approve the ordinance.

"It's going to open up a new class of housing," said Councilor

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**AGAWAM
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NOTEBOOK**

College prep efforts earn AHS 'most challenging' status

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications
Correspondent

Agawam High School is one of more than 2,000 high schools to earn national recognition recently by being identified as a "challenging high school" by a national media outlet.

Agawam School Superintendent William Sapelli announced at the June 26 school committee meeting that AHS made The Washington Post's 2013 list of "America's Most Challenging High Schools." Sapelli said this is a "prestigious honor" for the school – which made the list for the first time. Agawam was among the top 9 percent out of

"Making this list gives the school credibility for the initiatives we take – and the school committee is willing to support us because of our progress."

**Steve Lemanski, principal
Agawam High School**



approximately 22,000 U.S. high schools to earn placement on the 2013 challenge list.

Sapelli said schools – both public and private – on the list were

scored by the number of college-level tests given to students in 2012 that were then divided by the number of graduates that year. AHS was among nearly 90 high schools in Massachusetts to make this year's "most challenging" list

National recognition reflects positive results

AHS Principal Steve Lemanski said making the list "reflects the positive results of our students" who take the college-level tests. "Obviously, we were very pleased," he said. "It's nice to be

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‘Enter the Haggis’ to take center stage at SummerFest



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Enter The Haggis

Enter the Haggis, a Canadian Indie/Folk Rock world-fusion band based in Toronto, Canada, will take center stage once again at the next SummerFest concert, scheduled for Wednesday, July 17 beginning at 7 p.m. on Veterans Green in Agawam.

Commonly called ETH, the band has been playing and recording since 1996. The name is a reference to the diverse nature of the band’s sound. Like Haggis (the food) the sound of ETH is a mixture of diverse and unusual elements, brought together to create something new. Their latest studio album, “The Modest Revolution” is the band’s 10th album.

The 2013 concerts are brought to the public free of charge by the following corporate sponsors: *Agawam Advertiser News*/Turley Publications, Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Rotary Club, Allied Flooring and Paint, Berkshire Power, Bolduc’s Apparel, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Easthampton Savings Bank, Hampden Bank, Holyoke Credit Union, Lucia Lumber, Main Street Deli, Moren Signs, Olympic Manufacturing Group, Plex Sports Complex, Quality Auto, Reminder Publications, Sarat Ford, United Bank, Westfield Bank, and WMAS 94.7.

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Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we’ll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week’s “Where is it?” will run in next week’s edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



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Hand-painted gnomes and dwarfs reside on one Feeding Hills street. Do you know where they are?

Last week’s photo: That wooden chair can be found on Meadow Street in Agawam.





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From left, Asa Fanelli, CEO and president of Horizons for Homeless Children; Colleen Bugbee, PAL of the Year; Joanna Carrington, director of West Region Playspace Program; Rob Stewart, director of Greater Boston Playspace Program; and Matt Epstein chairperson.

Resident honored for work with homeless children

Feeding Hills Resident Colleen Bugbee was honored recently for her efforts in helping homeless children on behalf of Horizons for Homeless Children. With family homelessness on the rise (one in every 45 children in the United States is homeless each year) there is an ongoing need for organizations and volunteers to help these families.

The Horizons Playspace Program ensures that children living in family homeless shelters in Massachusetts have the opportunity for developmentally appropriate play. The volunteers (also known as PALs), such as Bugbee, are passionate and committed to young homeless children and the program relies on them tre-

mendously. Every week, their outstanding efforts help provide Horizons the services for thousands of homeless children and their families.

Bugbee has been a PAL since 2007 at the Grace House Substance Abuse and Recovery Program shelter in Northampton and is a frequent speaker on panels at PAL trainings and at PAL Council meetings, providing insight about her experience as a PAL. Her dedication to the program and contagious sense of humor was recognized at Horizons' Annual Recognition and Awards Dinner, as Bugbee was given the PAL of the Year Award for the West Region.

Benefit for Catie Chaffee slated for July 19

Raising awareness for ovarian cancer

By Sarah Platanitis
Turley Publications Correspondent

The Springfield Turnverein will host a benefit for Catie Chaffee on Friday, July 19, from 6 to 11 p.m.

Chaffee, a 2008 graduate of Agawam High School, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer earlier this year.

"She was in a lot of pain on New Year's Eve of this year and that's when they actually found the tumor," said Susan Owen, Chaffee's mother and a resident of Feeding Hills. "They immediately put her in for surgery and we spent that night in the hospital waiting for her to get out of surgery."

After surgery, Chaffee visited Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Her oncologist in Boston directs her treatment plan to D'Amour Center for Cancer Care in Springfield so she can stay closer to home during chemotherapy and recovery.



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Catie Chaffee, a 2008 Agawam High School graduate.

"Her spirits are up and she's doing great. She has a lot of confidence now and is feeling good now that she is out and about. She feels that it was a tremendous fight that she gave and she's proud," said Owen.

A home health aide, 24-year-old Chaffee has not been able to work in three months because of her treatment program. She and her husband, Jimmy, live in Springfield and have no children.

"Catie just finished chemo and, of course, there are always bills and they have just overtaken them," shared Owen. "We are doing the benefit to try to raise awareness about ovarian cancer and to help them out to pay some of the medical bills and whatever needs to be paid now at this point."

which includes two day passes to Six Flags New England, a Red Sox jacket, a variety of gift baskets and more.

Owen also mentioned that family and friends have created a 2014 American Cancer Society Relay For Life team in support of Chaffee.

"We're called Catie's Crusaders and the idea for the team was started by my niece, Ann Marie Jaeger. We're starting to plan now for next year so we can be really prepared for it," said Owen.

There are currently seven members on the team. They plan to participate in the Agawam event scheduled for next spring, right around the time when Chaffee hopes to be back again fishing with her husband.

The Springfield Turnverein is now located at 60 North Westfield St. in Feeding Hills next to Fitness First.

For information about tickets for the benefit for Chaffee, contact Susan Owen at 786-9955 or Brian Gross at 478-2465.

Tickets for the benefit are \$20 each with children under 12 free. Christine's Catering of Feeding Hills will offer a delicious summer menu and entertainment will be provided by DJ Brian Rondeau and Elvis to the Max, a local impersonator of the King of Rock and Roll.

"I work with Max at McNairn Packaging in Westfield and he was thrilled to be asked to come and perform at the benefit," said Owen. "All of them have donated their time and talents to help make the benefit for Catie a success. We're so thankful!"

Owen is putting together the benefit for Chaffee with the help of her husband, Dale, and son, Brian Gross. She and a good friend will be making all the desserts for the event.

Wilma Gillan, Chaffee's grandmother, is also lending a hand with the fundraiser raffle,

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Enjoy lunch, concert at Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library will host folk artist Corlene Roberts for a "Lunchtime Lyrics" concert Wednesday, July 24 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The public is invited to bring their lunch and listen to folk, country, rock, oldies, and some original compositions.

Returning to the Agawam Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program for her third year, Roberts is a guitar instructor at Performance Music in Westfield. She is a regular at the Daily Grind Coffee Shop and has played at Louie B's and the Red Riding Hood's Basket, all in Southwick.

No registration is needed for this event, which is part of the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program "Ground Breaking Reads" and is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and CSLP.

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FROM MY DESK TO YOURS

Where are we read?

There's no argument that the best part of the summer is taking off for a family vacation. Whether you jet off to an island for some fun in the sun, pile in the car to travel to New England's famed coast, or you venture up to the mountains to "rough it" in a tent, you're giving yourself a few days away to forget about the stress of everyday life and recharge your batteries.

It's often said that the news doesn't take vacations, and we at the *Agawam Advertiser News* can attest to that fact; we're always working hard to put out a quality paper for you, our valued readers.

So we hope you'll let us live vicariously through you and will work with us to put out a fun new feature this summer.

During my first year as an intern for one of our sister publications, my editor collected vacation photos from our readers holding up the newspaper in front of a national monument, at the top of a mountain, or simply, on a beach. With the photo we included the name and hometown of the person/people pictured as well as the vacation destination.

We hope that with the summer well upon us – and likely all vacations planned – our readers would like to do the same.

As always, during the last two weeks of August, the *Agawam Advertiser News* will be direct-mailed to every resident in Agawam and Feeding Hills, and it is our hope to include these images in a special "Where we are read" photo spread in one – maybe both – editions.

Simply remember to pack your copy of *Agawam Advertiser News* when you head out on the road this summer and make sure to snap at least one photo of you or your friends holding it up at your destination. Then, send your photo to Editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com



(or mail it to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030) and be sure to check our special direct-mailed issue(s) this August to see if your photo made the cut.

Do you have a suggestion for a fun photo spread we can include in the future? Be sure to call the editor at 413-786-7747 or email jwroblewski@turley.com. And remember to check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/agawamadvertisernews.

- Jennifer Wroblewski

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for media coverage

To the editor:

On behalf of the staff at the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum, I would like to thank the *Agawam Advertiser News* for the wonderful coverage of Tom Ricardi and his Birds of Prey program, which was held on June 23. The photographs taken by Kimberly Hatch captured the majesty of these birds as well as the pure enjoyment of

those in attendance.

We would also like to publicly thank William Howe, Jr. for the beautiful job he did in creating a park-like setting on the grounds of the Agawam Baptist Church. He undertook the clearing of this overgrown space as his service project to work towards the rank of Eagle Scout. It was the perfect place to hold this program.

Anne Liptak, archivist
Agawam Historical and
Firehouse Museum



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Agawam Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun Sunday, Sept. 8. The bus will leave the Agawam High School parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and will return by 8:15 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, as well as a \$15 food coupon and \$15 free bet from Mohe-

gan Sun.

Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited.

For reservations, call Pat at 786-1782 or Rose at 786-5134.



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This newspaper will print free self-submitted statements of candidacy combined together in a special issue four weeks out from a primary or general election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details 5-6 weeks before the election. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy after that special election coverage issue. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our Advertising Representative at John Baskin at 786-7747 or jbaskin@turley.com.

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Letters to the Editor must include a name, address, and daytime telephone number for author verification purposes. We do not publish anonymous letters. All letters are subject to editing for content and space. The deadline is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Please send letters to *Agawam Advertiser News*, Letters to the Editor, Attn: Teri Machia, 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or e-mail aan@turley.com.

CNAs RECOGNIZED



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Donna Kasa, center, director of nursing at Heritage Hall East, is pictured with CNAs, from left, Sharain Fowler, Jennifer Golden, Jennifer Vargas, Virginia Cole, Olivia Douglas and Tania Rivera.

Heritage Hall East, in Agawam, held a reception recently to honor certified nursing assistants. Recognizing National

Nursing Assistants Week, the festivities include hors d'oeuvres and desserts along with gifts for the 60 nursing assistants.

Westmass commemorates completion of industrial park



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From left, John Maybury, chairman of Westmass and president of Maybury Material Handling in East Longmeadow; Mayor Richard A. Cohen; Deborah S. Dachos, director of Planning and Community Development; and Kenn Delude, president and CEO of Westmass.

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Robert Magovern, who added the change could help generate "thousands of dollars in taxes."

Councilor Cecilia Calabrese questioned whether any provisions were included about solid waste removal, a hot topic the council faced during the budget public hearing last month when a number of condominium owners in town spoke out about feeling like second class citizens with regard to town trash removal. Calabrese ultimately abstained from the vote.

CPA committee holds public hearing

The Community Preservation Committee held its annual meeting and public hearing May 29, according to Community Preservation Act Administrator Jennifer Bonfiglio.

The committee consists of nine members, including members representing the historical commission, conservation commission, planning board, recreation commission, housing authority, and four members appointed by the Agawam Town Council. The purpose of the CPA is to provide a dedicated source of funding, which can only be used for open space, community housing, historic resources and recreational land. Funds are independent of the town budget and all project ideas are publicly driven and debated, said Bonfiglio. The Community Preservation Act is a state law that allows municipalities to place a surcharge of up to 3 percent on homeowners' property taxes. The state then matches a percentage of the funds raised, and the town can use the money for preservation of open space, restoration of historic buildings, and affordable homes on

the recommendation of the CPC. In Agawam, homeowners are assessed a 1 percent surcharge for CPA, said Henry Kozloski, chairman of the town's CPC. While the state matched 100 percent of the money raised when CPA was first adopted, it has hovered around 25 percent in recent years. According to a PowerPoint presentation Bonfiglio gave at the meeting the Community Preservation Act funds total \$1.5 million with an average cost of \$28.62 to homeowners each year. Since 2003, CPA revenues total \$6.8 million while expenses total \$5 million. Through CPA, historic buildings/sites can be identified, bought, improved or protected; recreational opportunities can be expanded; open space and recreation land can be acquired, protected or improved; affordable house can be repaired and offered permanently to seniors, families and other qualified individuals. For example, the median income for a family of four to qualify for CPA funding is \$68,900. There are 242 total units in the Agawam Housing Authority, 227 of which are occupied. The vacant units are due to destruction of \$320,000 to four units. A total of 159 families or individuals are on a waiting list. The CPC plans to hold a meeting in the future to discuss community housing and will likely invite Agawam Housing Authority board members to join. The CPC is currently in the process of developing a five-year spending plan due to recent legislation changes to the Community Preservation Act, said Bonfiglio. Starting this fall, the CPC will likely meet twice a month to put together the plan. For more information about the CPC, visit agawamcpa.com.

The town of Agawam was recognized recently by Westmass Area Development Corporation for its role in the development of the Agawam Regional Industrial Park with the presentation of a plaque to Mayor Richard A. Cohen at its June board of director's meeting.

The park, which is currently full, started construction in 1982. It is home to over 40 businesses representing approximately 1,900,000 square feet of industrial space. The Park generates approximately \$2,250,000 annually in tax revenues and created and/or retained 2,100 jobs. The final lot, owned by Westmass, was developed in the fall by Citizen's Energy to produce 1.8 megawatts of solar energy. Agawam receives solar credits

from the Shoemaker Lane solar project.

"I am pleased to have been able to work with such a great organization as Westmass Area Development Corporation to complete the beautiful Agawam Regional Industrial Park project," said Cohen. "The Agawam Industrial Park is such a success due to the positive collaboration and I look forward to continuing to work together with them in the future as it is in the best interest of Agawam and the Region."

In other business at its board meeting, Westmass recognized Agawam's Director of Planning and Community Development, Deborah S. Dachos, for her 18 years serving on the Westmass Board of Directors. She retired from the board in the spring.

Tag sale to benefit YMCA

A tag sale to benefit the YMCA will be held Saturday, July 13 at Grimaldi & Burzduk Realtors, 431 Springfield St., Agawam, and will include furniture, collectibles and more. All purchases are considered a donation and are tax-deductible. The public is invited.

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Rotary Club to meet July 17

The Agawam Rotary Club will meet Wednesday, July 17 at 12:15 p.m. at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield for lunch. Guest speaker will be Patrick Heintz from Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.

For more information on Agawam Rotary, visit www.agawamrotary.org.

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Class of '55 makes special donation

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sign with the school’s current name.

The photo board is composed of graduation portraits of each class member. It hangs near the school’s entrance. Reunion committee members said it will serve as a legacy to their “great” class and also offer an inspiration for success to other classes that pass by the photos in years to come.

‘A caring and thoughtful’ class

“We did a lot of growing-up in ‘our’ school,” said Nino Moretti, chair of the reunion committee. “This was – and still is – a caring and thoughtful group of people.”

Moretti, Audrey (Letendre) Guertin, Linda (Knighton) Calabrese, and Carolyn (Fogg) Calabrese visited the school in mid-June school to check out the photo board’s location.

“Our classes were small – and that closeness made it special for us. Everybody knew everybody, the teachers knew your family, and it was an age of innocence when life was much simpler,” said Carolyn Calabrese.

According to Calabrese, the idea of a donating a photo board was presented to the class at its 50th reunion in 2005. Photos were compiled from the yearbook and Guertin later volunteered to script names beneath the photos and have it framed for longevity.

“This means a lot to all of us – even those

who couldn’t be here,” said Guertin, who now lives in Feeding Hills, as she looked at the photos of her former classmates.

“It was a class effort – and it’s so fitting to have it at our old school,” said Carolyn Calabrese. The photo board is outside the principal’s office, a place that Calabrese spent a lot of time as a student.

“I had a desk in the outer office. I sat at it when I had a free period. I was a runner. There was no intercom system, so when the office needed to get messages to a classroom, they sent me. I spent a lot of time running up and down the stairs in this school.”

Teaching ‘was untouchable’

Moretti, who now resides in Florida and Simsbury, Conn., remembers the school “as a great place” from which to graduate. “I belonged to a number of clubs, the band, the orchestra, chorus, and baseball. Many of us believe our education was the best. Core subject teaching was untouchable and the efforts spent on our behalf were reflected later on when many of us went off to college,” recalled Moretti, who attended Notre Dame and then went into government service.

Now a West Springfield resident, Carolyn Calabrese said there weren’t as many opportunities for girls to participate in sports when she was a student. “I was in a lot of plays and worked on the yearbook, but after school I had a part-time job in Springfield.”



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The AHS Class of '55 have hung together for a long time – and now a photo board with their graduation portraits hangs in what was the original AHS and is now the Roberta G. Doering School on Main Street. They were the last high school class to graduate from the school.

She said another reason some students didn’t participate in after-school activities was because the school was on split sessions. “The school had become overcrowded – many of the classes behind us were much larger – so high school students attended morning sessions and junior high students came in the afternoon.”

Calabrese added that she has “a ton of memories – good ones” from the school. “When I graduated, I married my AHS

sweetheart.”

Linda Calabrese (no relation to Carolyn) found her best friend in the halls of AHS. “And, after 62 years, Sara Jo Cameron Turner is still my best friend.”

Moretti said the class spent six years at the school, attending grades 7 through 12. “We always thought the photos should be hung here since this is where we want to be remembered.”

Agawam woman, daughter held in Brazil

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in a letter written by her cousin, Stephanie Fleming Montessi.

When they arrived in Brazil in late May, however, Hadden said she sensed a change in her ex-husband’s demeanor and “felt a sudden sense of worry” at how adamant he was that they “hurry up and get there.”

“When I broached the topic that we may not make the trip right away and instead visit some friends first, Ava’s father became enraged and angry,” said Hadden.

She traveled instead, to Fortaleza, Brazil to stay with a family she knew there, where she remains today.

“We Skyped and talked on the phone with Ava’s father for two days and he made numerous threats regarding taking custody of Ava and making sure we never leave [Brazil],” she said.

Then on June 6 – two weeks into her three-week visit – the federal police in Brazil showed up with a court order to confiscate Ava’s passport and took Hadden’s as well.

“I was made aware that [Junior] attempted to get custody and was denied, however, he asked for a visit, which is why they detained us and took our passports,” Hadden said.

“Obviously, she turned them over not knowing she had any other choice,” her aunt, Cynthia Ayre of Feeding Hills, said last week. “She’s not in any physical danger. At the moment, we believe she’s safe.”

Unfortunately, because she’s been added to a no-fly list and she’s without her passport, Hadden cannot leave Brazil, Ayre said, adding Junior had until Friday, July 5 to respond to the court’s decision to grant one supervised visit with his daughter. At presstime, no agreements were signed.

“She’s worried about her job. They’re not paying her and obviously her vacation time is up,” Ayre said. “She’s in a master’s program here and she’s got an amazing opportunity for an internship as a result of that master’s program.... but if she doesn’t make it back, she’s going to lose that.”

In addition, Ava is scheduled to attend Phelps School in the fall, said Ayre, who

hopes that the growing interest in the Trapped in Brazil Facebook page as well as recent media coverage will help to bring her family members home. At presstime, the page had nearly 12,000 fans.

“We’ve spoken to [Congressman Richard] Neal’s office and he has contacted the American Embassy, who has said they’re doing what they can,” said Ayre. “I understand the American Embassy called Shauna a few days ago, but still nothing has been resolved.”

Ayre said she has also spoken to local and national news outlets and that the family has done several radio interviews. U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren has also called the family, but Ayre said she was unaware of what – if anything – Warren’s office was doing on Hadden’s behalf.

William Tranghese, a spokesperson for Neal, said last week that Neal has “raised this matter directly with the appropriate officials at the State Department” and expressed his concerns about the health and welfare of Hadden and her daughter.

“In his opinion, Shauna and Ava should have their passports returned immediately and be allowed to return to the United States without further delay,” said Tranghese. “He will continue to have conversations with senior foreign service representatives in Washington and Brazil until Shauna Hadden and her daughter are home safely.”

“They’re in a very safe location and they’re doing fine,” said Hadden’s mother, Linda Hadden, last week. She added, “They want to come home, obviously.”

On Wednesday, July 10, as Agawam Advertiser News was going to press, Hadden announced via Facebook that “the decision has been made by the Federal Regional Judge... to return our passports immediately and let us return to the USA.”

According to “Trapped in Brazil,” their names were also taken off the no fly list effective immediately.

“I want to thank all of you for your love, support and prayers,” Hadden wrote. “You have helped more than you know. You are part of the reason we are going home!”

Efforts earn AHS 'most challenging' status

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able to pass on the recognition to teachers and students for all of their efforts.”

Lemanski added that it was important to report this positive news to the school committee because of their support for the school’s program. “Making this list gives the school credibility for the initiatives we take – and the school committee is willing to support us because of our progress. The recognition also provides evidence and motivation for students and teachers considering AP courses.”

The annual list was compiled by The Post’s Jay Mathews, an education columnist for 40 years. He and his team of researchers have been ranking Washington, D.C.-area public high schools since 1998. In 2011, he expanded his “Challenge Index” – his measure of a school’s effectiveness in preparing students for college – to include high schools nationwide.

Mathews explained in his report that he compiles the rankings by taking the total number of college-level tests – Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) – given at a school each year and divides it by the number of seniors who graduated the previous year.

The Challenge Index is designed to identify schools that “have done the best job in persuading average students” to take college-level courses and tests. Public schools that achieved a minimum ratio of 1.000, meaning the school had as many tests in 2012 as it had graduates, were included on the national list.

Once the list was compiled, schools were then ranked in order of ratio. The highest ratio of 23.571 was achieved by a public charter school in California. AHS was ranked

1,428 and had a ratio of 1.622. Within the state, AHS was ranked 54 out of 87 Massachusetts high schools.

The Challenge Index does not include any schools that draw a high concentration of top students – such as a magnet or specialized charter school – with an average SAT or ACT (American College Testing) score that exceeds the highest average for any school in the country with normal enrollment.

Any school with an average SAT score of 2000 or above or average an ACT score of 29.3 or above would not be included on this year’s list. Those schools are put on The Post’s “public elite” list.

According to Mathews, taking college-level tests are important because they give average students a chance to “experience the trauma of heavy college reading lists and long, analytical college examinations.” He added that research has found that even low-performing students who received only a 2 on an AP test did significantly better in college than similar students who did not take AP.

The rankings also include the percentage of a school’s students whose family incomes are low enough to qualify for federally subsidized lunches and who also apply for that program. The portion of subsidized-lunch applicants gives an estimate of a school’s poverty level. On the Challenge Index, this percentage for AHS was 25 percent.

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Children at Robyn's Nest Daycare in Feeding Hills held their annual hot dog sale recently. Among the many lessons learned, they practiced their math skills by using tickets to purchase various food items. Kylie Henry, acting as cashier, is pictured behind the counter. Shoppers included, from left to right, Eliza McDermott, Alivia Kisiel, Ella Messier, Dylan Evangelista, and Sadie Roy.

‘Scramble for the Animals’ benefits homeless dogs, cats

WESTFIELD - Volunteers of the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter will host a “Scramble for the Animals” fundraiser Sunday, Aug. 4 at Oak Ridge Golf Club located in Feeding Hills. The cost is \$90 and includes golf, cart, coffee and donuts, dinner and prizes.

Bertera Subaru is offering a new Subaru as a hole-in-one prize, as well as Teddy Bear Pools and Spa’s, which is offering a \$3,500 value pool or spa. A cash prize of \$700 will also be offered for a hole-in-one. A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to closest to the pin, male and female, as well as \$50 for longest drive, male and female.

Sign-up will be at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. Hole sponsorships are available for \$50. It can be in the name of a business, a loved one’s name, a pet’s name or in memory of a loved one or pet. Raffles prizes will also be appreciated.

Registrations and sponsorship forms with check or money order, which should be received by July 20, may be mailed to Marie Boccasile, 11 Second Ave., Westfield, MA 01085.

For more information call, (413) 564-0589, or email megbocc@yahoo.com. Proceeds from this event help to save the lives of hundreds of unwanted, homeless cats and dogs in the greater Westfield area.

Comedy show to benefit Fennyery scholarship

A Casey Fennyery Memorial Scholarship Comedy Fundraiser will be held Saturday, July 27 at 8 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Featured comics will include Mike Koutrobis, Jody Sloane and Rob Steen.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For advance tickets, call Cheryl at (413) 478-8740.

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 377 calls from July 2 to July 8. The department made 14 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, July 2

Lamar A. Pickett, 19, of 57 Riviera Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant.

Chelsea Quail, 22, of 13 Line St., Agawam, was arrested on a fugitive from justice on court warrant.

Wednesday, July 3

Andre Pare III, 23, of 322 Meadow St., Apt. 3, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Nicholas J. Planzo, 22, of 200 Adams St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of possession to distribute Class D drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Kedall Vocca, 18, of 5 Hummingbird Hollow, Southwick, was arrested on charges of possession to distribute Class D drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Shane Lafond, 20, of 18 Katy Lane, Agawam, was arrested on charges of possession to distribute Class D drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Andriana Caraballo, 24, of 2 Second St., 1st floor, Springfield, was arrested on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

Friday, July 5

Frank Pugliano, 51, of 322 Meadow St., Apt. 6, was arrested on a charge of possession of Class B drug (subsequent offense).

Kelly Sealander, 28, of 151 Monastery

Ave., West Springfield, was arrested on a charge of distribution of Class B drug.

Matthew Fahey, 31, of 169 Cambria St., Springfield, was arrested on charges of possession of Class B drug; conspiracy to violate drug law; and possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

Jacob P. Rolandini, 33, of 65 Riviera Drive, Agawam, was arrested on charges of distribution of Class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Saturday, July 6

Robert Kopcza, 48, of 151 Mallard Circle, Agawam, was arrested on an arrest warrant for assault.

Monday, July 8

Kristine Andrews, 25, of 141 Riviera Drive, Agawam, was arrested on an arrest warrant.

David A. Rawson, 50, of 88 Columbia Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of secret video surveillance of nudity.

NEWEST OFFICERS



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A swearing-in for police officers for the town of Agawam took place Monday, July 1 at town hall. From left, Police Chief Robert Campbell, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, and new officers John Stone, Alexander Seymour and Christopher Lanski.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 72 EMS calls and 13 fire and emergency response calls for the week of July 2 to July 8.

On July 2 at 11:25 a.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 2 at 4:10 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 3 at 2:02 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 3 at 2:17 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a lockout.

On July 3 at 4:16 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for a lockout.

On July 3 at 6:09 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 east for an overheated motor.

On July 4 at 1:49 p.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for a water problem.

On July 4 at 5:01 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for false alarm or false call.

On July 4 at 9:35 p.m., the department re-

sponded to River Road to search for person in water.

On July 5 at 3:45 p.m., the department was dispatched to River Road but was canceled en route.

On July 6 at 7:33 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 6 at 9:46 a.m., the department responded to Mill Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 6 at 2:36 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

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DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

Tencati, Patricia L.
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Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

PATRICIA L. TENCATI



Patricia L. (Davis) Tencati, 74 of Belvidere Avenue, Feeding Hills, died Wednesday, July 3, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. Patricia was born in Springfield, the daughter of Mildred (Larson) Davis and

the late Theodore Davis. She grew up in Hampden and lived in Feeding Hills for the past 50 years. She was a dietary specialist for Heritage Hall Nursing Home before retiring in 2005. Besides her mother, she leaves four sons, Richard and his wife Kathleen, Steven and his wife Lorie, Thomas, Robert and his wife Jennifer; two brothers, Jerry and Phil Davis; six grandchildren, Jana, Tara, Vanessa, Timothy, Kaylyn and Allison; and a great-grandson, Grant. She also leaves her best friend for over 35 years, Charles Jutras. Visiting hours were held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home July 6 followed by a graveside service in Springfield Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Baystate VNA & Hospice, 280 Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01199. For more details please visit curranjones.com.

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Free breakfast at Hope Community Church

Hope Community Church offers a free community breakfast Sunday mornings with “no strings attached.” The church family welcomes friends and neighbors in the community to come up the hill at 152 South Westfield St. to enjoy a hot breakfast on the lawn. A breakfast of hot oatmeal, eggs (or pancakes), sausages, yogurt, orange juice and coffee begins at 9 a.m. It finishes at 9:45 a.m. in order for church service to begin at

10 a.m. The public is invited to join this friendly group of Christian believers where there is always friendly conversation and a chance to relax and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation atop the hill overlooking the Pioneer Valley and beyond. For more information, visit office@hope-churchagawam.org.

Sacred Heart to host bible camp

Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills will host a Catholic Weeklong Bible Camp from Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Morning and afternoon snack and lunch will be provided. Program includes daily scripture themes, crafts, outdoor games, activities, music, food and fun. For children in kindergarten through grade 6, youth volunteers in grades 7 to 11 are welcome.

The cost for one child is \$100; for two or more children, \$175. Medical form, registration and fees need to be completed by Monday, July 15. For more information or to register, call Lisa Raffia, secretary and Religious Education coordinator, at 786-8200. Registration forms are available online at www.sacred-heartfeedinghills.org.

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‘Faith on Fire Rally’ at Sacred Heart

The public is invited to “Faith on Fire Catholic Rally,” Thursday, Aug. 22 and Friday, Aug. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the grounds of Sacred Heart Parish, 1065 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills. This two-evening celebration includes praise and worship music by Joseph Reed and Synergy, great speakers on faith, intercession, repentance, and evangelization, a Eucharistic procession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and prayers for healing with the laying on of hands. Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC, head of the Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will attend as a speaker and in the healing ministry. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, provided by the Agawam Knights of Columbus Council 5585 and St. Martha’s Guild. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfortable seating. There is no charge for the evening; a free will offering will be accepted. This event is sponsored by the Hampden West Deanery and the Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In case of rain, the rally will be held in the church. For more information, call Pastoral Minister Jean Raczkowski at (413) 786-8200 ext. 16 or email j.raczkowski@sacredheartfeedinghills.org.

Seniors

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, July 15: Tag Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 8:15 a.m., Weight Training, Yoga; 9:30 a.m., Painting Club, Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, July 16: Tag Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 9 a.m., Summer Exercise Begins; 9:30 a.m., Shuffleboard at St. John’s Field; 10 a.m., Computer Club Meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“Pay It Forward”); 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, July 17: Tag Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 8:15 a.m., Yoga, Weight Training; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge, Widow and Widowers Group; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons Begin; 1:30, Golden Agers Chapter II Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna; 7 p.m., Summer Concert at Veterans Green.

Thursday, July 18: Tag Sale, 9 a.m. to 1

p.m.; 8:30 a.m., Foot Nurses (by appt.); 9 a.m., Summer Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing II; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, July 19: Tag Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage, Ice Cream Social (\$1).

Lunch menu

Monday, July 15: Vegetable chili over baked potato, spinach salad, ice cream.

Tuesday, July 16: Chicken cacciatore, peppers and onions, pasta with extra sauce, stewed prunes.

Wednesday, July 17: French meat pie, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, apricots.

Thursday, July 18: Omelet, sausage, home fries, orange juice, cantaloupe.

Friday, July 19: Potato crusted baked fish, scalloped potatoes, carrots, baked good.

Weeklong tag sale

The Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will once again host a week-long tag sale, July 15-19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the senior center. The public is invited to stop by to search for that something special.

Senior center to host support group

The Agawam Senior Center, located at 954 Main St., will host a Widow/Widowers Support Social Group, Wednesday, July 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the conference room. Anyone interested is invited to bring stories, ideas, pictures of your spouse, and friendship. Compassion, comfort and companionship will be offered to all participants. Grief does not take a vacation and participants are encouraged to share grief and understanding.

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In the Classroom

Westfield State honors student veterans



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Westfield State University (WSU) veteran graduates smile for pictures in their customized blue stoles with WSU Evan Dobelle at the May ceremony held at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. From left, Luis Delgado, Manney Marreo, David Lopez, Justin Weners, and Dobelle.

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University is saying “thank you” in big and small ways to its student veterans. Starting this August, the university will increase its tuition assistance to eligible veterans under the Yellow Ribbon Program.

“The Yellow Ribbon Program basically means that fees not normally covered by the post-9/11 GI bill will now be covered,” said William LaFever, Veteran and Military Services coordinator for the university. “In our case, it affects out-of-state veterans.”

Under the Yellow Ribbon Program, the university and the Veterans Administration (VA) have agreed to split the cost of tuition for out-of-state student veterans using post-9/11 GI bill benefits at the

100 percent level, a savings of \$3,500 per semester.

“We appreciate and value our veterans’ service to our country. Westfield State will always seize every opportunity to improve veteran benefits and to acknowledge the unique experiences and perspectives our veterans bring to campus life,” said Evan S. Dobelle, president, Westfield State University.

Westfield graduate Manney Marreo, a former Marine who served two tours in Iraq, said he believes the Yellow Ribbon Program will alleviate some stress for incoming student veterans.

“It means that their time at Westfield can be dedicated to academics, instead of worrying about taking out extra loans,” Marreo said. “It will be a great support.”

Campus Notes...

Becker College: Zachary Peterson, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean’s list.

Stonehill College: Frances Walsh, of Agawam, and Michelle Curtis, of Feeding Hills, were awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees at commencement ceremonies held recently.

University of Connecticut: Katy Leathem, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester’s dean’s list.

Western New England University: James G. DeVoe, of Agawam, received the College of Engineering’s Wellen G. Davison Award during Baccalaureate ceremonies. The award is presented annually to the

graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in the mechanical engineering laboratory. DeVoe graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering

Worcester State University: Patrick T. McKeever, of Agawam, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication at commencement ceremonies held May 18. While at WSU, McKeever attained a 3.3 GPA and completed a five-month internship for the Worcester Sharks American Hockey League team in the public relations department.

Breault achieves honors at Loomis Chaffee

WINDSOR, Conn. - Erica Breault, a sophomore from Agawam, has been named to the honor roll at the Loomis Chaffee School.

Provost achieves honors

Andrew Provost, of Feeding Hills, a 10th-grade student at Kent School in Kent, Conn., was named to the honor roll for the spring term.

Residents attain honors at Suffield Academy

The following residents were named to the Suffield Academy honor roll for the spring term.

High honor roll: Mary Franco, Angelina Massoia, Marysa Massoia and Nicholas Peligrini, of Feeding Hills.

Honor roll: Valerie Schwein, of Agawam, and Trevor Lyne, of Feeding Hills.

Residents attain honors at HCHS

The following residents were among those to be named to the fourth-quarter honor roll at Holyoke Catholic High School.

From Agawam - Arbaaz Khan, honorable mention; Lauren Malone, first honors; Lauren Muszynski, first honors; You Simiao (Samira), first honors and Mckenzie Trevallion, second honors.

From Feeding Hills - Gary Chirgwin, first honors; Meredyth Clifford, second honors; Jude Giordano, honorable mention; Rick Giordano, honorable mention; Natalie Koziol, honorable mention; Alexa Libropoulos, second honors; Abaigeal Malouin, first honors; Benjamin Modzelesky, first honors; Reile Plante, second honors.

Commerce Class of 1964 planning reunion

Plans are underway to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Springfield’s High School of Commerce Class of 1964. A class reunion has been scheduled for June 21, 2014 at a location to be determined. Former Class President Danny Eaton, currently the pro-

ducing director of the Majestic Theater in West Springfield, is seeking classmates interested in attending, as well as planning for, the reunion.

Members of the Class of 1964 can contact Eaton at (413) 747-7797.

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Arts

Symphony 70th Anniversary season announced

By Charles F. Bennett
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD – Maestro Kevin Rhodes has a group of exciting new and emerging guest artists coming to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra stage in Symphony Hall next season to help the community celebrate the orchestra’s 70th season.

The classical music line-up includes fresh young stars and guest artists who will play in the best-loved compositions from Mozart to Brahms to Gershwin. A Symphony first will happen in November when two grand pianos will grace the stage.

The Pops concerts cover a range of tastes: Music to start the holiday season, the trumpet music of Louis Armstrong, those breathless catchy tunes from the James Bond movies and music from an innovative Halloween thriller.

All concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. Season subscriptions are now on sale by calling the Box Office at 413-733-2291.

“One of the joys of my job as music director is to showcase the talent of young artists new to Springfield audiences,” said Rhodes. The globe-hopping Rhodes, who conducts in Paris, Vienna and Boston and as music director of the Traverse City Symphony Orchestra in Michigan, has his ear to the ground in classical music circles.

“There has been a buzz out there about certain emerging musicians and we have managed to secure their talents for next season,” Rhodes said.

Opening Night

The 70th season begins on Opening Night, Saturday, Oct. 5 with two large Russian showpieces, Shostakovich’s “Festive Overture” and Tchaikovsky’s beloved “Symphony No. 4.” That music is special for Rhodes because “No. 4” was the piece he led in his audition concert here in Springfield as a conductor hopeful. The exciting young Swiss pianist Gilles Vonsattel will be the guest artist in Ravel’s jazzy and lush “Concerto in G”.



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Trumpeter Byron Stripling will be guest artist next season for the Springfield Symphony Pops tribute to Louis Armstrong next Feb. 14, 2014, during its 70th season. Stripling is an extroverted musician who will bring the audience into the Armstrong hits “Sweet Georgia Brown,” “St. Louis Blues,” and “Ain’t Misbehavin’.” For a season subscription go to SpringfieldSymphony.org.

The Nov. 16 concert features two piano virtuosos, Kathryn Brown and Deborah Moriarty, old friends of Rhodes, in Mozart’s “Concerto for 2 Pianos”. The Maestro lends his voice to the narration of the witty poems of Ogden Nash, which accompany Saint-Saëns’ “Carnival of the Animals.” Also on the menu is another Mozart piece, “Concerto for 2 Pianos”; and then “Gymnopedies 1 &

2” by Satie.

Rhodes said the classical music world has been abuzz about the talented young cellist Nina Kotova, who will be guest soloist in Dvorák’s “Cello Concerto” on Jan. 25, 2014. The entire concert is devoted to Dvorák, which includes the perennial favorite “New World Symphony.”

Pianist Jon Nakamatsu returns to perform the massive Brahms “Piano Concerto No. 1”. The evening starts with a rousing Beethoven composition, “Lenore No. 1.” The orchestra turns romantic with Schoenberg’s “Chamber Symphony No. 2”.

Exciting Russian/American violinist Yevgeny Kutik will make his SSO debut on March 29, 2014 setting the stage on fire with the pyrotechnics of Prokofiev’s “Violin Concerto No.2”. It is Beethoven again for “Symphony No. 4”, then a Bach favorite, “Brandenburg Concerto No. 3.”

In the Gershwin meets Rimsky-Korsakov concert on April 12, 2014, the electrifying pianist Joyce Yang returns to Springfield after selling out Symphony Hall with the orchestra two years ago. On this trip she will play in American composer George Gershwin’s American “Piano Concerto in F.” The symphony’s brass section, which garnered kudos from audiences this past season, will also be featured in the Gershwin piece. Like similar compositions, “Scheherazade,” the Rimsky-Korsakov “Antar” has a Middle Eastern theme. Richard Strauss’s epic “Don Juan” will round out the evening.

The grand finale to the 70th classical music season will feature the orchestra and chorus in two great American works. The exuberant “American Festival Overture” by Schuman opens the program after which the SSO Chorus joins the orchestra for Leonard Bernstein’s moving peace anthem, “Chichester Psalms”. The final symphony of the season is one of Rhodes’ favorites, the dramatic and beautiful “Symphony No. 3” by Rachmaninoff.

Symphony Pops

A special treat for Pops music lovers and

film fans will take place on Oct. 26 when guest conductor Michael Shapiro will help everyone celebrate Halloween with the “Frankenstein” concert. The orchestra will play the music from the original 1931 motion picture starring Boris Karloff, Colin Clive and Mae Clarke.

Maestro Rhodes looks forward to a special tradition in the Pioneer Valley, to kick off the holiday season with “Home for the Holidays” on Dec. 7. Over 150 voices, including the Symphony Chorus and the Children’s Chorus of Springfield, will join in singing holiday favorites, including “White Christmas,” “Sleigh Ride” and “Silent Night.” Returning from last year are the Tap Dancing Santas choreographed by David Michael Bovat. Of course, everyone will be in the holiday spirit in the sing-a-long.

Trumpet master Byron Stripling will reawaken the music of New Orleans with a tribute to Louis Armstrong on Feb. 15, 2014. Stripling is an extroverted musician who will bring the audience into the Armstrong hits “Sweet Georgia Brown,” “St. Louis Blues,” and “Ain’t Misbehavin’.”

James Bond is back and “nobody does it better” when the Pops orchestra led by Michael Krajewski presents “Bond and Beyond” on March 1, 2014. They will play hits from the films of James Bond featuring soprano Debbie Gravitte. Expect to hear “Goldfinger,” “From Russia with Love” and “Diamonds are Forever.” Accompanying the Bond themes will be music from genre blockbusters like “Mission Impossible” and “The Pink Panther”.

Maestro Rhodes and the orchestra will travel to the Academy of Music in Northampton on Sept. 20 and 22 for the opera premier of “The Garden of Martyrs”, a new opera based on a murder incident that took place in Wilbraham. The libretto is by Harley Erdman. Subscribers will receive a 20 percent discount when purchasing tickets at the Academy of Music before they go on sale to the public. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. For tickets go to SpringfieldSymphony.org.

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'The Diamond Collection'

Turley Publications photos
by Kimberly Hatch

The 2013 SummerFest concert series kicked off Wednesday, July 3 with a performance by "The Diamond Collection," an eight-piece tribute band dedicated to recreating the songs and sounds of Neil Diamond.

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kicks off SummerFest



Kenny LaBelle performs as part of The Diamond Collection at SummerFest, July 3.



Left: Sisters Maureen Butler (left) and Pat Holden of Enfield, Conn., never miss a Diamond Collection concert.



"Diamondheads" – a growing fan base and loyal contingency of The Diamond Collection, attend the first SummerFest concert at Agawam Junior High School.



Susan Mack Lev (left) and Ruchelle McDonnell.



Neil Diamond fans braved the hot, humid weather to enjoy the cool sounds of The Diamond Collection July 3.



The Agawam Junior High School auditorium was a packed house for the first concert of the series.



Due to inclement weather, the first SummerFest concert was moved indoors to the air-conditioned Agawam Junior High School auditorium.



SPORTS

Rainouts forcing compressed Legion schedule

Jendrysik makes return to mound

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Rainouts due to constant thunderstorms during the final two weeks of June have resulted in many rescheduled games for a lot of summer teams.

With the intense six-week American Legion scheduled that has to be completed by the third week of July, the Agawam Legion was forced to play for six straight days starting last Tuesday and ending with a game against Northampton Post 28 last Sunday.

The long stretch worked out well for Agawam, which had struggled early on, going 3-6 to start the season. Agawam won four of the six games, losing two East Springfield and Wilbraham, but defeating Northampton, Longmeadow, Westfield, and Greenfield.

Agawam played a rare July 4 game against Greenfield and took the makeup game at home 13-4.

But the start of their winning ways was last Wednesday when Post 185 defeated Westfield Post 124 6-3 thanks to a big fifth inning and the return of a quality starting pitcher.

Agawam would get a run in the fourth thanks to a Cam Rivest RBI single scoring Zach Jendrysik to tie the score 1-1.

Jendrysik allowed an early run in first start of the Legion season. But from there, he was untouched and finished with six quality innings pitched and a victory. He ran into some trouble in the fifth, but escaped a same and made it through six innings.

Coach Brian Regnier has held Jendrysik, Agawam’s top starting pitcher this season, out of the Legion rotation because of arm fatigue. Jendrysik was used a lot during the high school season and was suffering from fatigue near the end of the season.

Jendrysik returned to the mound in a brief relief stint before making a start.

“I feel much better now,” said Jendrysik. “I had a pretty good outing and my arm is doing well.”

His offense backed him up in the bottom of the fifth inning. Joe Mercedante lined a single to right-center field. Andrew Mitchell of Southwick would follow with a base hit and Tyler Lyne singled to right scoring Mercedante easily.

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Zach Jendrysik returns to the mound last Wednesday against Westfield, pitching six quality innings for a victory in his first start of the Legion season.



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The NWS Elite 14U fast pitch softball team will compete in the Pony National Championship in Pennsylvania July 21-27.

NWS Elite heading to Pony Nationals

By Tim Peterson
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PALMER - The NWS Elite 14U fast pitch softball team, which is made up of 11 players from Western Massachusetts, has competed in several different tournaments throughout New England so far this spring/summer.

The 14U softball team will be one of the teams competing at the Pony National Championships, which will be held from July 21-27 in Newtown, Penn.

“We’re an A-Division softball

team and we’ve competed in several tournaments in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island so far this summer,” said Mike Cavanaugh, who has coached the 14U softball team for the past three years. “We’re going to be one of 40 teams competing in the Pony National Tournament at the end of July. It’ll be the first time that we’ll be going to the National Tournament as a team and all of the girls are very excited about it.”

The members of this year’s NWS Elite 14U fast pitch softball team are Savannah Cavanaugh (Palmer), Madison Disanti

(Monson), Julie Chmura (Ludlow), Marissa Fabbo (Ludlow), Alexis Ferris (Holyoke/Hampshire Regional), Katelyn Grasso (Agawam), Allison Wheeler (Agawam), McKenzie Lambert (East Longmeadow), Mackenzie Phillips (Gill), Jordan Meattay (Erving) and Jenna Putala (Erving).

“Eight of the 11 players on the 14U Elite softball team were also members of their high school’s varsity softball team’s this past spring,” coach Cavanaugh said. “We have some of the best young softball players from

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Junior bats dominate Northampton

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AGAWAM – The Agawam Junior Legion baseball team had a huge fourth inning, nearly batting en route to an 11-3 victory over the visiting Northampton Blue Demons Saturday afternoon at Agawam High School to cap what has been a very long week for the Jr. Legion and many other baseball teams.

Nate Mickey pitched the first four innings of the game and was effective until the fourth inning when he allowed the first three batters to reach base and all score.

He allowed more baserunners through walks before coach Kyle Sztatowski made a visit to the mound. Mickey would recover to get a fly out to center field to end the inning and prevent further damage.

Leading 4-3, Agawam would Please see BASEBALL, page 14



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Nate Mickey pitches in the fourth inning for Agawam.

Brownies hold off Falcons

By Nate Rosenthal
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SPRINGFIELD – The conditions are hot and stuffy, but once again, high school players from around the area have converged on the Sci-Tech gym for another season of Jack Troy basketball. This summer league is a great opportunity for the players to begin to work together for the next high school season. Leading most of the way, Agawam withstood a couple of Wilbraham runs and won the game 45-39

After a slow start for both teams, 4-0 Agawam after nearly five minutes, the action picked up and the score remained tight throughout the 20-minute half. Thanks to a couple of threes by Tyler Desrosiers, the Brownies led 23-19 at the break. In the early minutes of the second half, they started to pull away leading by as much as nine points with 10:00 to play. A 10-point run by Wilbraham actually gave them the



Agawam's Talon Brown (14) drives around a defender.



Agawam's Sean Moore (23) goes up for a shot in the paint.

lead with 3:00 left. Then down the stretch the teams went back and forth until the final minute, when Agawam took control with Desrosiers hitting six foul shots.

Desrosiers scored the game's first basket at 18:14 and then it was almost two minutes before it went to four on a basket by Joe Mocchio. Liam Murphy got Wilbraham on the board at 15:30 and then the team's started trading points. It was still a three-point game at 10-7 after a basket by Mocchio at 5:40. Scott Driscoll got Wilbraham even with a 3-pointer 10 seconds later. After a free throw by Talon Brown made it 11-10, the Falcons got their first lead on a Driscoll hoop. With 2:16 to play, Desrosiers buried a three and Agawam was in front at 16-14. It got to 23-16, with 30 seconds to go before Matt Krol hit a three to close the margin to four. It was 23-19 at the half.

Murphy made it a two-point in the first minute, but then the Brownies began to pull away. Scoring 10 of the next 13 points, ending with a three by Brown with just under 11:00 to go, it was 33-24. The Brownies had their biggest lead of the evening and looked about ready to put the game away.

The Falcons came back strong, scoring 10 unanswered points over the next eight minutes. Driscoll's jumper with 3:35 to play gave them a 34-33 lead. But Desrosiers got Agawam even, hitting one of two from the line and he gave them the lead with a layup 20 seconds later. A three-point play by Wade Robidoux made it 39-34 with less than 2:00 to go. Murphy's two free throws at 1:06 gave the Falcons some hope, but they were forced to foul and it was Desrosiers who they fouled, three times in that final minute. He made all six shots. That got it back to nine points before Murphy hit a trey with 10 seconds left for the 45-39 final.

Desrosiers led all scorers with 15 points. Brown with two big second half treys finished with eight.

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Agawam's Travis Jackson (4) goes up for a shot in the paint.

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then come to the plate looking get the runs back they gave up. The batting order delivered as they got seven runs in the bottom of the inning.

Chris Gage would start the inning off by sending a single to the outfield. He would then steal second base and score on a base hit by Luke Rheault. Mike DiStefano would reach on a walk and Nick Scuderi would strike out for the first out of the inning.

He was followed by Dalton Drummond who reached base on an error. He also stole a base and later scored on a hit by Brendan Garvey. Patrick King would come to the plate and walk to load the bases again before Max Molta socked a triple and cleared the bases to make it 11-3.

That would be all the help Agawam would need as they continued to play good defense for the win.

Agawam led 2-0 early in the game when Garvey and King reached on a walk and single respectively. Mickey would chase both runs home on a hit. Agawam added two more runs in the bottom of the third.

For Agawam it was their second win of the day as they had defeated Wilbraham 5-3 earlier in the day at Spec Pond.

Because of their rigorous combined Jr. Legion and Mickey Mantle schedule along with several rainouts marring their already busy schedule, the Jr. Legion team was in doubleheader action both last Saturday and Sunday.

After sweeping a doubleheader against Wilbraham and Northampton, the Jr. Legion team was back in action the following day,



Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Chris Gage comes up throwing in left field.

playing against the Holyoke Knights and Longmeadow. It was not as great a result for Agawam as they lost to Holyoke 5-1 and later in the day to Longmeadow 17-6.

Agawam is next scheduled to play against the Agawam Braves in a Mantle game Saturday at 5 p.m. at Shea Park.

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Catcher Nick Scuderi tries to make a play at home plate.

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Catcher Zach Sabadosa would then come to the plate and hit a hard grounder by the first baseman scoring one run. An error in right field would allow a second run to score and Agawam would lead 4-1.

Vinnie Fortini would then hit hard ground ball through the legs of the third baseman and Sabadosa scored to make it 5-1.

Agawam would add another run in the sixth inning to secure the win.

Agawam would defeat Longmeadow Friday 17-6 and Northampton 5-1 on Sunday afternoon.

They are next scheduled to play on Monday at home against Springfield Post 21 at 5:45 p.m.

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Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Cam Rivest tries to make a quick tag on a pickoff move to first base.



Vinnie Fortini makes contact at the plate for Post 185.

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Western Massachusetts on this team. I feel very fortunate that they want to play for my team and it didn't take them very long to jell at the beginning of the season."

The eight varsity softball players are Cavanaugh, Chmura, Ferris, Lambert, Wheeler, Phillips, Meathey and Putala.

Savannah Cavanaugh is the only player on this year's team who has been to the National Tournament. She was the youngest member of the 14U softball team, which played in the National Tournament in Ohio, back in 2009.

"I was the youngest player on that team and I'm very excited about going back to Nationals again this year," Savannah said. "We're hoping to win some games down there."

Savannah's older sister, Summer, who graduated from Palmer High School last month, also had the opportunity to play in two National Tournaments.

"It was just an unbelievable experience when I went to the National Tournament as a fan to watch my two daughters play a couple of years ago," coach Cavanaugh said. "The games are played on several different fields and there were a lot of fans there. Since it's only about a four-hour drive to Pennsylvania, all of the players' families will be going to the National Tournament this year. It's going to be a great experience for them and we also want the players to have a fun time."

The 14U softball team qualified for the National Tournament by finishing in second place in a tournament back in May. They'll be playing five games in pool play at the beginning of the week before being placed into a bracket.

Savannah Cavanaugh, who also plays basketball and soccer at the varsity level, was a starter on the Lady Panthers varsity softball team, which finished with a 17-4 overall record this past spring. She finished her freshman season with 18 base hits and 12 RBIs. She will most likely be taking over the starting pitching duties from Nicole Handzel next year. She also plays first base and center field.

Wheeler was a starting pitcher for the Agawam Lady Brownies varsity softball team,

which lost a 1-0 heartbreaker against Milford in the Division 1 state finals. She won 15 of her team's 18 games this past spring. She also had 22 base hits and 11 RBIs.

Ferris, who lives in Holyoke, attends Hampshire Regional as a school-choice student. She was also one of the pitchers on her varsity softball team, which finished the season with an 18-2 overall record.

Chmura was the winning pitcher in her high school team's only victory this season against Holyoke. She also had 16 base hits.

"We have four very good pitchers on this team," coach Cavanaugh said. "We need more than one pitcher because we play two or three games a day."

Meathey, Putala, and Phillips were all members of the Turners Falls varsity softball team, which lost to Mt. Everett in the Western Mass. Division 3 championship game.

Lambert, who's the team's leading hitter, was a member of the East Longmeadow varsity softball team, which finished their season with a 16-6 record.

Disanti, who's also a pitcher, won all of the games that she started for the Lady Mustangs junior varsity team. She plays second base for the 14U softball team.

"Madison was the first new player that we picked up this year," coach Cavanaugh said. "I've watched her play a handful of times at the junior varsity level. She's a very good hitter and an outstanding pitcher. She'll be a very good varsity player in the future."

Fabbo is also a new member of the 14U softball team this year. Other newcomers are Grasso, and Phillips.

The three assistant coaches are Ken Ferris, Mike Phillips and Ted Chmura.

The NWS Elite 14U fast pitch softball team is accepting donations for their trip to the National Tournament. For further information please contact Mike Cavanaugh at 413-246-4007 or at MCavanaugh@Fontainebros.com.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

AIC to host women's basketball camp

SPRINGFIELD - The American International College women's basketball team will host a summer day camp the week of July 15-19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp is designed to improve the skills and overall game of female basketball players from grades 2 to 12.

Head coach Kristen Patterson and assistant coach Josephine McLane will direct the camp.

For more information on how to register, contact McLane at 202-352-8268 or visit www.aicyellowjackets.com.

Red Sox tickets available

AGAWAM – The Agawam Parks and Recreation Departments has tickets available for the following Boston Red Sox bus trips on a first come, first served basis.

Monday, July 22 – Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays, \$90 per person, Section 29;

Friday, Aug. 30 - Red Sox vs. Chicago White Sox, \$105 per person, Pavilion Reserve 18.

The bus will leave from Agawam High School three hours before game time.

Parks and Recreation summer brochure is online

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Summer Brochure is now available for online viewing at agawam.ma.us.

The brochure can be found in the Life & Leisure section.

Westfield State University basketball camp

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University basketball camp for boys and girls ages 7-15 will be held July 8-12.

Contact women's basketball head coach Andrea Bertini at 413-572-8105 or abertini@westfield.ma.edu for questions and additional information.

To get your organization's information placed in the Agawam Advertiser News, contact Sports Editor Dave Forbes at 413-967-3505 ext. 106 or send an email to dforbes@turley.com.

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Business

Top-producing agents



Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty and manager of the Feeding Hills office, has announced that the Agawam/Feeding Hills top-producing agents for the second quarter of this year are, from



left, Tim Coughlen, Dee Cyr and Kim Landry. Park Square Realty is a locally-owned company with 45 agents and locations in Feeding Hills and Westfield.



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Richter receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Microtest Laboratories President and Scientific Director Steven G. Richter, Ph.D., was recently honored by the Holyoke Community College Alumni Association at its 36th Annual HCC Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner.

Richter was cited as a fervent believer in the power and potential of education and science. Since his founding of Microtest Laboratories in Agawam in 1984, Richter has actively led or supported dozens of Western Massachusetts economic development and workforce initiatives and training partnerships with area companies, governments, schools, and colleges.

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nity and economic growth, as well as strive to discover breakthrough products and services that will better everyone’s health and quality of life,” he said.

Just this spring, Richter was credited by Holyoke Community College President Bill Messner with helping to secure a \$3.8 million grant to develop and equip a first-class, 13,000-square-foot Center for Life Sciences and high tech clean room at the college.

Following Richter’s graduation from Holyoke Community College, he earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Massachusetts and his doctorate from Columbia Pacific University in California. He founded Microtest Laboratories after serving as an official with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

Take precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses

SPRINGFIELD – The summer heat has returned, and along with it for those having fun in the sun or working outdoors comes the risk of heat-related illnesses.

As with many illnesses, the best defense is prevention, according to Dr. Joseph Schmidt, vice chair, Emergency Medicine, Baystate Medical Center.

“Those at greatest risk for developing a heat-related illness are children under five years of age and people 65 years of age and older, who have the least ability to regulate their body temperatures,” he said.

Overweight people and others with chronic illnesses such as heart disease or high blood pressure, as well as those on certain medications, are also at high risk.

Schmidt suggests the following hot weather tips to keep you safe:

- Stay out of the heat. Avoid direct sunlight and strenuous activity outdoors. If possible, remain indoors. If you do not have air conditioning, consider visiting a location that does, such as the mall or a movie theater.
- Dress for the weather. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors. Stay away from polyester in favor of cotton and linens, which are better at repelling the sun’s heat. Also, consider wearing sunglasses and putting on a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater.
- Drink plenty of liquids. Begin drinking before you go outside and, if exercising, drink one quart of liquid an hour to replace lost fluid. Avoid caffeinated beverages and alcohol, which can contribute to the loss of more body fluid. Also, if taking water pills or on a fluid restrictive diet, consult with your physician before increasing your liquid intake.
- Take it slow and easy. Postpone athletic activity during high heat and humidity. Limit outdoor activities to the morning and evening. Drinking sports beverages can replace lost salt and minerals when you sweat. However, those on low-salt diets should check with their doctor before drinking sports beverages. If you work outdoors, in addition to drinking plenty of liquids and dressing appropriately, pace

yourself and take frequent short breaks in the shade.

- Eat smaller meals. Instead of the usual rule of eating three square meals a day, eat smaller meals more frequently on days when the sun turns up the heat. Also, avoid high-protein foods which can increase metabolic heat.

Extreme heat affects the body’s ability to safely regulate its temperature, often resulting in heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or heat cramps.

Sweating is the body’s natural defense to cooling itself. However, when humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly and resulting in a rapid rise of body temperature.

Warning signs of an oncoming heat-related illness could include excessive sweating, leg cramps, flushed skin, nausea and vomiting, dizziness, headache and rapid pulse. If these occur, Schmidt suggests getting out of the heat and drinking liquids. If you don’t feel better soon, call your doctor or visit your local emergency department.

“Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability and requires immediate emergency medical treatment,” Schmidt said about the serious condition which can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs.

Warning signs of heat stroke can vary, but may include the following: body temperature of 103 degree Fareheit or higher, dizziness, throbbing headache, nausea, confusion, a rapid, strong pulse, and in extremely critical cases, unconsciousness.

“In addition to taking care of yourself from the ill-effects of the heat, don’t forget to check on elderly relatives and neighbors several times a day to make sure they are safe and free from any signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke,” said Schmidt.

He also reminds parents and caregivers that hot weather and vehicles can be a deadly combination for kids. “Children are at serious risk for heat stroke when left alone even for a few minutes in a closed vehicle or even in one with the window left slightly open,” Schmidt said.

Legal Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT June 18, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, July 22, 2013 at 6:45 PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of 270 Main Street Flea Market, Inc., which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for a change in use of the non-conforming structure at the premises identified as 270 Main Street.

Doreen Prouty
Chairperson
Agawam Board of Appeals
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AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT June 5, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, July 22, 2013 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Aleksandr Radionov, who is seeking a special permit in accordance with Section 180-7 and Section 180-71 of the Town of Agawam’s Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of an addition to a structure found to lie within the floodplain and with less than

the required side yard at the premises identified as 687 River Road.

Doreen Prouty Chairperson
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD13P1245EA Estate of: Sherry E Gelbwasser Date of Death: 04/26/2013 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Bonnie Gelbwasser** of Johnson City NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: **Bonnie Gelbwasser** of Johnson City NY be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 07/24/2013.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance

and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
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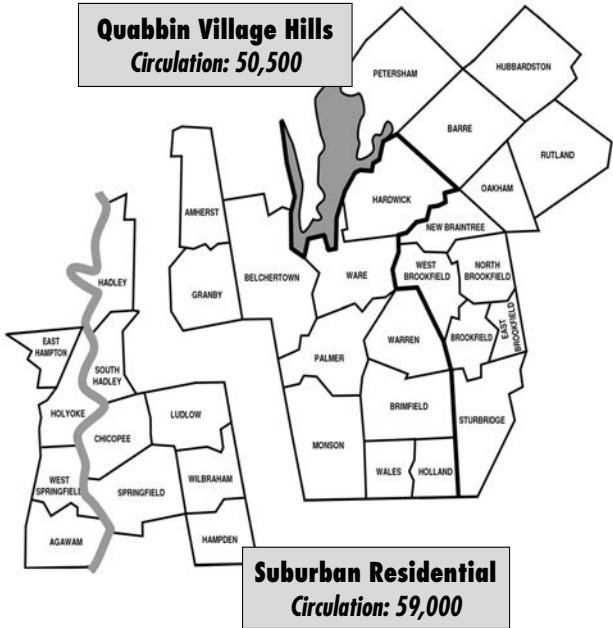
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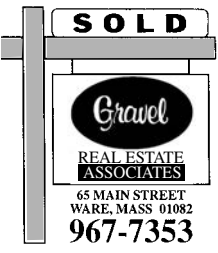
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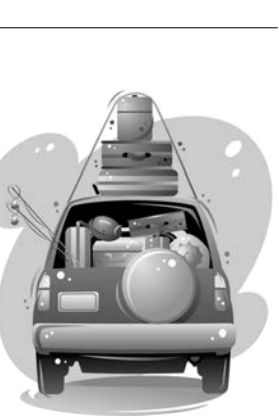
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Sunday, July 14

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a “mini tour” at 1 p.m., led by Richard O’Brien, DMFA, focusing on “The Path to Impressionism.” The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

Monday, July 15

A WORKSHOP TITLED, “LEARN TO CREATE ZENTANGLE ART,” will be held at the Agawam Public Library at 6 p.m. Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. This two-hour workshop is a basic introduction to the Zentangle drawing method. No artistic experience required. Supplies are included. For adults only. Register at (413) 789-1550 or www.agawamlibrary.org.

Tuesday, July 16

AS PART OF ITS ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM, the Agawam Public Library will host folk artist Corlene Roberts for a “Lunchtime Lyrics” concert from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to bring their lunches and listen to folk, country, rock, oldies, and some original compositions. No registration is needed.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the library. No registration is necessary.

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie (“Pay It Forward”) at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

THE ANNUAL MUSICAL MOMENTS CONCERT SERIES hosted by Amelia Park Ice Arena in Westfield will feature the Agawam Melody Band in a presentation of ‘30s and ‘40s favorites at 6:30 p.m. at the South Middle School auditorium. Concessions available for purchase.

Wednesday, July 17

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WILL HOLD A BLOOD DRIVE from 1 to 6 p.m. at OMG, 153 Bowles Road, Agawam. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for \$2.50 off the purchase of a 48-ounce container of Turkey Hill’s All Natural Ice Cream. Prizes are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. To make an appointment to donate blood, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Thursday, July 18

THE ANNUAL MUSICAL MOMENTS CONCERT SERIES at Amelia Park Ice Arena in Westfield will feature the Army Band Concert at South Middle School auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. In the event of rain, the concerts will be held inside. Concessions available for purchase.

‘A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC’ at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave, Springfield, will feature free a concert in the sanctuary at 6 p.m., followed by a free Carillon Concert on the front lawn at 7 p.m. Donations accepted for food items. For more information, call (413) 737-5311.

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AS PART OF ITS ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM, the Agawam Public Library will host folk artist Corlene Roberts for a “Lunchtime Lyrics” concert Wednesday, July 24 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to bring their lunches and listen to folk, country, rock, oldies, and some original compositions. No registration is needed.

WESTFIELD MUSICFEST continues Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at Park Square in the center of Westfield. The concert is free and open to the public. Beer, wine, and food are available for purchase. Refreshments provided by Mama Cakes, Soup’s On, Miss Sweets, and Two Rivers Burrito Company. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WILL HOLD A BLOOD DRIVE Friday, July 26 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for \$2.50 off the purchase of a 48-ounce container of Turkey Hill’s All Natural Ice Cream. Prizes are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. To make an appointment to donate blood, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

A FALLSFEST MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL will take place Saturday, July 27 from noon to 10 p.m., rain or shine, at the Beachgrounds Park, 116 Main St., South Hadley. The all-day event will include food, crafters and family activities. For more in-

formation, visit www.fallsfestsh.com.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD ARTS COUNCIL will host its first Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Town Common on Park Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 4.

AS PART OF ITS ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM, the Agawam Public Library will host folk artist Corlene Roberts Friday, Aug. 9 for a “Lunchtime Lyrics” concert from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to bring their lunches and listen to folk, country, rock, oldies, and some original compositions. No registration is needed.

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver’s license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

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Library exhibits former resident’s work

Former Agawam resident Andrew Lawson, a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School, has a photographic exhibit at Suffield Library now through July 31. Lawson has done artwork at the original Ames store in Agawam, Halloween and Christmas on the windows and a Winnie the Pooh corner at the Somers, Conn. Library and other works in the area. His Enfield, Conn. condominium was featured in “Casual Living” magazine in the spring 2012 edition.

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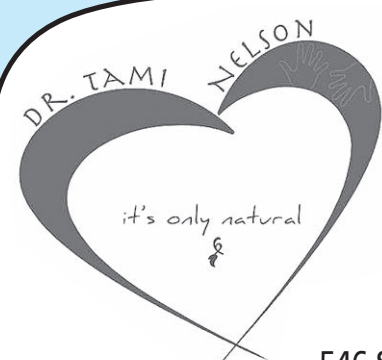
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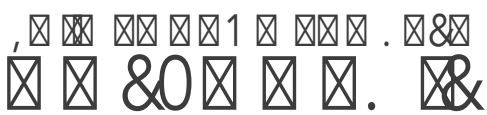
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